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Best-selling historical novelist returns to her alma mater

(Jan. 12, 2006 – Palm Beach Gardens) The Western Writers of America awarded Lucia St. Clair Robson's first book, "Ride the Wind," the Golden Spur Award for best historical western of 1982; the novel also made The New York Times Best Seller List and was included in the 100 best westerns of the 20th century. Still in print, "Ride the Wind" has sold 700,000 copies.

The 1962 graduate of Palm Beach Junior College will return to her alma mater Feb. 8 at 3 p.m. in Meldon Hall, Palm Beach Community College at Palm Beach Gardens, to speak and autograph her books.

The former Peace Corps activist from West Palm Beach has published eight historical novels to praise from critics and readers, including former Press Secretary Marlin Fitzwater. The Palm Beach Post said of "Shadow Patriot," her most recent, "This is historical fiction as it ought to be written and seldom is."

St. Clair Robson's personal life is the stuff of novels, too. Her penchant for American Indian history was developed in Venezuela, and her year in Japan in 1970 gave her the idea for "The Tokaido Road," set in feudal 1702 Japan. The public is invited to attend the author's lecture at no charge but is asked to call 207-5811 to reserve a space.

The writer's lecture series at PBCC in Palm Beach Gardens continues on February 23 with Jacqueline Whitmore, author of "Business Class: Etiquette Essentials for Success at Work." Whitmore is director of the Protocol School of Palm Beach. On March 29, Daphne Nikolopoulos, managing editor of Palm Beach Illustrated magazine, will speak on her book, "The Storm Gourmet: A Guide to Creating Extraordinary Meals Without Electricity."

For a photo of the author, go to
<http://luciasclairrobson.com/media.htm>.

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